GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:112
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
THEFT OF COAL FROM RAILWAY STATIONS AND COAL DEPOTS OF BCCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether huge quantity of coal is being stolen from coal depots of the Bharat Coking Coal Limited;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered in police stations regarding the theft of the coal during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) the extent of loss suffered by BCCL on account of theft of coal during the said period;

(d) whether coal is being stolen in connivance with the officers of BCCL and CISF jawans;

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government against the persons responsible therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 FOR ANSWER ON 25.2.2003.

(a) to (c): Theft / pilferage of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely and as such, it is not possible to exactly specify the location from and the quantity of coal that might have been stolen. However, as per raids carried out by Central Industrial Security Force and Security Personnel of BCCL, the total number of cases lodged, quantity and approximately value of coal recovered during the last 3 years are as under: -

Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (upto 14.2.2003)
No. of FIRs Lodged	17	60	37
Quantity recovered (in te)	148.54	183.8	63.54
Approximate Value	1.92	2.78	0.89

(in Rs. Lakhs)

(d): The connivance of officers of BCCL and CISF jawans in theft of coal has not been established so far.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply at (d) above.

(f) Following steps have been taken by BCCL to prevent theft of coal:

(i) Regular meetings/ discussions are held at all levels to identify the theft prone areas.

(ii) Regular raids are being conducted by the CISF to recover stolen/pilfered coal which is being handed over to management/police for further action.

(iii) Joint raids with local police, Government Railway Police and Railway Police Force are also being conducted in theft prone areas

of BCCL.

(iv) Intensive patrolling by the CISF personnel is carried out in all the areas of BCCL.